

performed was reasonably worth, to summon such attorney or solicitor complained of, and on appearance, or refusal to appear, to hear and determine such complaint, and if it shall appear to such court upon examination, that any attorney or solicitor has exacted more from the party complaining for any service rendered than such service was reasonably worth, such court shall and may order such attorney or solicitor to return within six weeks, to the party grieved, whatever sum of money, tobacco, or other commodity, has been by such attorney or solicitor received more than the service shall be adjudged reasonably to be worth; and if such attorney or solicitor shall refuse to comply with such order, it shall and may be lawful for such court to suspend such attorney or solicitor from practising in such court until such order is complied with, or to strike such attorney or solicitor from the roll of attorneys or solicitors; provided that such complaint be made within six months after the service performed, by the cause being tried, or otherwise, out of court, and not otherwise.

“ This act to continue for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.”

Which were read.

And also a letter from the intendant of the revenue of this day, endorsed; “ By the senate, May 29, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

Which was read, and thereupon ORDERED, That the subject matter contained therein be taken into consideration on to-morrow morning.

The bill to prohibit the bringing of slaves into this state, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hindman and Mr. Wheeler.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from William Paca, Isaac Perkins, and William Embleton, praying that the bonds given on certain purchases may be delivered by the commissioners for British property to the purchasers; which was read and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Chase, to consider and report thereon—a petition from William Matthews, of Baltimore county, praying that a public road may be opened to and from his mill in said county, and a counter petition thereto from Robert Woodcock of same county; which were read and referred to the next session of assembly—and a letter from his excellency the Governor, enclosing a memorial from John Dorsey and company, respecting the loss of the ship Matilda, and several depositions and protests relating to the Matilda and Jolly Tar; which was read and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Morris, to consider and report thereon—severally endorsed; “ By the senate, May 29, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

Mr. Morris brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road to John M'Mullen's lot of ground, in Snow-Hill-town, in Worcester county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill concerning the stock of the Bank of England belonging to this state; and Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Stone, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On the second reading the bill concerning the tonnage of vessels, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Duvall.

The bill empowering the intendant to dispose of the galley and barges, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. After the word “ articles” in the fifth line strike out the words “and to,” and insert “ on such credit and terms as he may think proper, and the said intendant may also sell, with the approbation of the governor and council, any useless or perishable public stores, and he shall.” After the word “ the” in the last line strike out the words “ general assembly,” and insert “ governor and the council.”

Sent to the senate by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Duvall.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for laying out a road leading from doctor Ephraim Howard's tilting forge, in the upper parts of Elk-Ridge, to intersect the public road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing, by William Hobbs's dwelling plantation, in Anne-Arundel county; and the bill for the sale of the glebe land in Shrewsbury parish in Kent county; severally endorsed; “ By the senate, May 27, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

“ By the senate, May 29, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to authorize and empower Elizabeth Vallette, Thomas Harwood, and William Brogden, executors of the last will and testament of Elie Vallette, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased,